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California launches sales tax website

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The California State Board of Equalization on Monday launched a new, online system to apply for a seller's permit, pay use taxes or register for other tax and fee programs.

The secure registration, called "eReg," is accessible 24 hours a day to make it easier to start or run a business. Watch this YouTube video for an explanation:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjyYbrzU_eM

Answer a few simple questions and the system guides a user through the process of getting the permits, licenses or accounts needed. The site also allows users to:

- Register for a special tax or fee account such as International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) accounts and Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retailer's Licenses
- Add a new business location
- Easily make use tax payments
- View the status of your account online
- Access helpful reference materials, forms, and publications

Board of Equalization Vice Chairwoman Michelle Steel, who represents Orange County, said the online system cuts administrative costs, is more convenient and has fewer errors in processing applications.

"By saving time and money through eReg, business owners will be able to take their minds off tax forms and to focus on running the businesses that create jobs for California," she said.

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